

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....March 26, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott,
Commissioner Alan Thompson and Commissioner Howard Lyons

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board held an interview with Dan Hooten for the Environmental Health Director position.

Commissioner Chilcott participated in a litigation strategy meeting in regard to an airport lawsuit.

Commissioner Chilcott participated in a MACo legislative conference call.

Bill Clark met with the Commissioners in regard to the Victor Youth Athletic Association Lease. Also present was Civil Counsel Alex Beal. Bill stated the Victor Park District was formed in 2002 by the citizens at a general election. He stated the Victor Youth Athletics Association was incorporated in 1996. The Athletic Complex was developed by the Youth Athletics Association with a 10-year lease by the county to the Victor Youth Athletic Association. He asked if the athletic field would need to be leased again to the Youth Athletic Association or is it now part of the Victor Park District. He stated their concern is over the liability of the actual field. They have sanitation facilities located at the athletic field, concession stands, along with both soccer and baseball fields along with fencing and back stops. The Victor Park District worked with the Victor Athletic Association in the passage of the Park District and in their brochures the Park District indicated they would share those tax levies for maintenance of the parks within those boundaries.

Bill stated one of the Board members of the Victor Park District was sick recently and none of the monies were given to them (the Victor Athletic Association) for the field maintenance. He asked how they should proceed so they can keep the fields useable.

Commissioner Thompson also gave some history of the Victor Park District being approved. The law indicates when a park district is formed; the park district is then in charge of the parks that are within the boundaries. He also noted the Park District will be

in charge of the landscaping that will come about when the two-lane highway (Highway 93) is constructed into a four-lane highway. The Ravalli County Park Board will also infuse the Victor Park District with monies for the maintenance of the bike/ped path and landscaping.

Alex indicated when the Victor Park District was formed; the Athletic Complex became part of their district. He stated the Victor Park District could have a lease with the Victor Athletic Association. That way the Association could be insured of having the direct responsibility to take care of the athletic complex.

Bill stressed the need of having maintenance monies to keep the fields operating because they have high use on these fields.

Commissioner Chilcott stated the Commissioners can write a letter of support for the Athletic Association in their endeavor to receive funds for the maintenance of the sports complex. Commissioner Thompson, as a member of the Ravalli County Park Board, concurred with the need to continue the maintenance of this field due to needs of the community.

In other business the Board held an interview with Lea Jordon for the Environmental Health Director position.